

# The Justice40 Initiative and Opportunities for Community Benefits

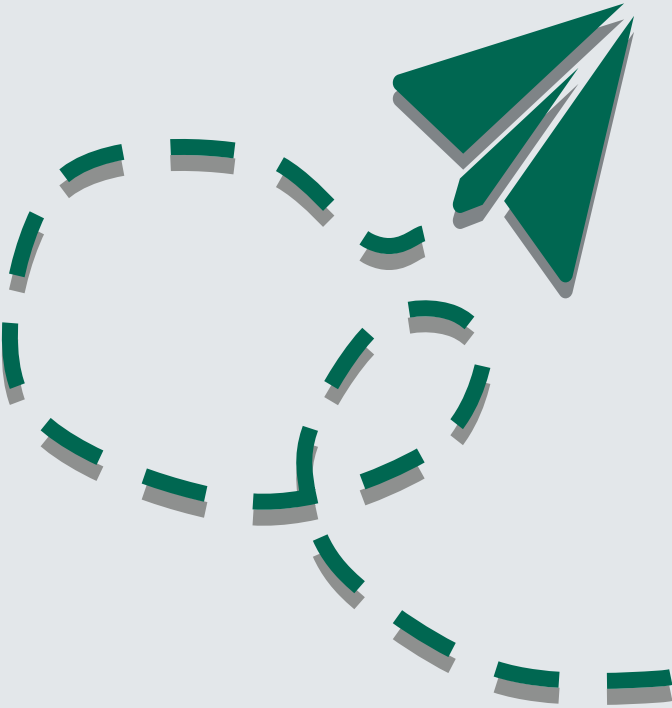
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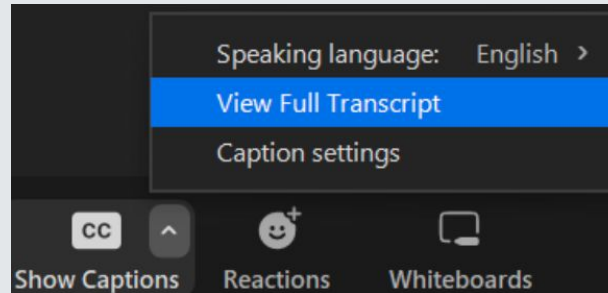
**Introductions**

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- Ask questions in the chat–Q&A function turned off
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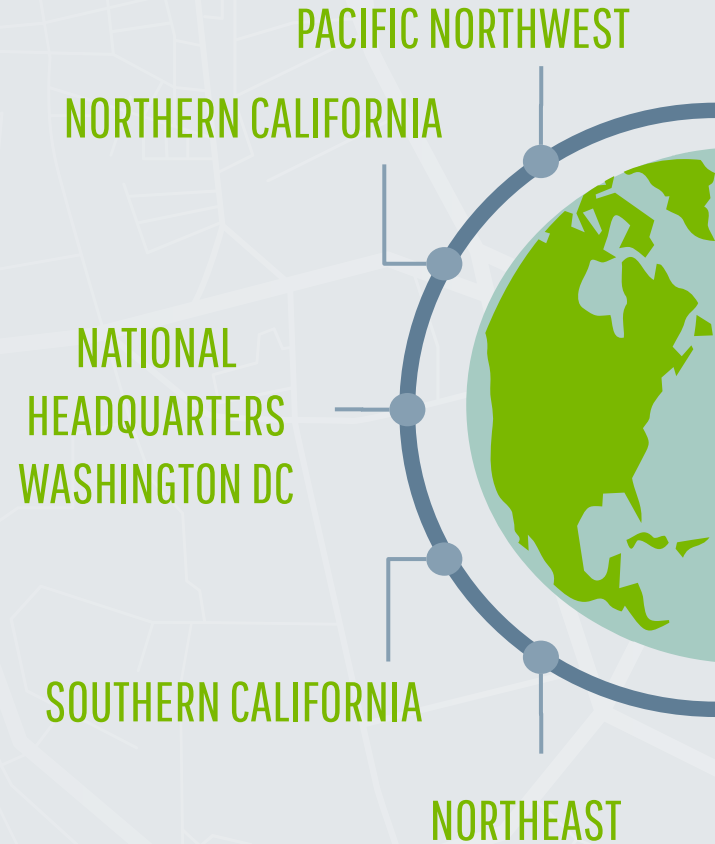


# WHO WE ARE

The **Emerald Cities Collaborative** is a national nonprofit coalition founded in 2009 to:

- Green our Cities
- Build our Communities
- Strengthen our Democracy

ECC is a Black-led organization with staff serving 10+ cities throughout the US and projects in many more. We help communities unleash their capacity to build high-road economies that are more sustainable, economically just and democratic.



# THE PEOPLE'S JUSTICE40+ COMMUNITY BENEFITS SERIES: ROAD

## WEBINAR ONE

The Justice40  
Initiative and  
Opportunities for  
Community Benefits

## WEBINAR TWO

Community Benefit Plans

## WEBINAR THREE

Tools for Implementing  
Community Benefit Plans

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# THE JUSTICE40 INITIATIVE



# WHAT IS THE JUSTICE40 INITIATIVE?



## GOAL:

40% of overall **BENEFITS** of certain **FEDERAL INVESTMENTS** flow toward **DISADVANTAGED** communities

### Federal Investments:

- Clean Energy and Energy Efficiency
- Clean Transit
- Affordable and Sustainable Housing
- Training and Workforce Development
- Remediation and Reduction of Legacy Pollution
- Development of Clean Water Infrastructure

# INTERIM JUSTICE40 IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE

## Agency Requirements:


- Identify Justice40 Covered Programs
- Define the Justice40 Covered Program Benefits
- Provide methodology for measuring and tracking Justice40 Covered Program Benefits

## Justice40 Pilot Program:

- Targets 21 Programs to “maximize benefits” to Disadvantaged Communities



# INTERIM JUSTICE40 IMPLEMENTATION GUIDANCE



Defined **Benefits** to “include direct and indirect investments (and program outcomes) that positively impact disadvantaged communities.”



Defined **Disadvantaged Communities**

- [Climate and Economic Justice Screening Tool](#)

# FEDERAL JUSTICE40 IMPLEMENTATION

Justice40 Covered  
Programs

Disadvantaged  
Community  
Mapping Tools

Agency Justice40  
Guidance



# FEDERAL SPENDING BILLS



# IMPORTANT FEDERAL SPENDING BILLS

**Infrastructure Investments and  
Jobs Act (IIJA) or the Bipartisan  
Infrastructure Law (BIL)**

**American Rescue Plan Act  
(ARPA)**

**Inflation Reduction Act  
(IRA)**

# IMPORTANT FUNDING MECHANISMS

## Formula Grant Funding:

Funding is automatically allocated for qualifying, eligible governments that apply for specific funds.

## Competitive Grant Funding:

Funding is distributed to qualifying, eligible entities through a competitive application process.

## Loans:

Federal funding that will need to be repaid (unless the federal program allows for loan forgiveness if certain conditions are met).

## Tax Credits:

Will either be refundable (can increase your federal tax refund) or nonrefundable (can reduce the amount of federal taxes that you owe).

## Rebates:

Funding that is returned to you after you pay for the goods or services.

# AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT (ARPA)

## Overview

- Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF): \$350B
- **Time Frame:** Obligated by December 31, 2024 and Spent by December 31, 2026
- **Funding Type:** Formula Grant
- **Recipients:** State, Local, and Tribal Governments

## Community Opportunities

- Economic Inclusion
- Water and Sewer Infrastructure Investments



# INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENTS AND JOBS ACT (IIJA)



## Overview

- **Amount:** \$1.9 Trillion
- **Time Frame:** Over the next 10 Years starting in fiscal year 2022
- **Funding Type:** Formula and Competitive Grants, Loans and Loan Forgiveness
- **Recipients:** State, Local, and Tribal Governments, US Territories, Utilities, Port Authorities or Special Purpose Districts, Municipal Planning Organizations, Universities

## Community Opportunities

- Economic Inclusion
- Energy Efficiency/Clean Energy
- Water
- Broadband
- Transportation

# INFLATION REDUCTION ACT (IRA)

## Overview

- **Amount:** \$369 Billion in Energy Security and Clean Energy Programs
- **Time Frame:** Over the next 10 years starting in fiscal year 2022
- **Funding Type:** Formula and Competitive Grants, Loans, Tax Credits, Rebates
- **Recipients:** State, Local, and Tribal Governments, Community Based Organizations, Nonprofits, Universities, US Territories, Port Authorities or Special Purpose Districts

## Community Opportunities

- Economic Inclusion
- Environmental/Climate Justice
- Transportation
- Energy/Clean Energy







# THE PEOPLE'S JUSTICE40+ COMMUNITY BENEFITS PLAYBOOK



# THE PEOPLE'S JUSTICE40+ COMMUNITY BENEFITS PLAYBOOK

- What is Justice 40?
- Why a Community Benefit Playbook?
- Show Me the Money: Guide to Federal Spending Bills
- The Energy Justice Playbook
- The Water Justice Playbook

- The Economic Justice Playbook
- The Environmental and Climate Justice Playbook
- The Transportation Justice Playbook
- Community Benefit Plans: From Policy to Community Impact

# WHAT ARE COMMUNITY BENEFIT PLANS?

Community Benefit Plans are:

- Developed by community
- Rooted in equity principles and values
- Focused on the needs and priorities of the community

Community Benefit Plans can be used to:

- Build or deepen a coalition of community stakeholders
- Advocate for State or Federal programs or funding opportunities
- Advise project developers on community benefits

# WANT TO KNOW MORE?

Join Us: Webinar TWO—**Community Benefit Plans**

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